

Council Bluffs Solid Waste Services Guide



2003 Edition



Important Phone Numbers

Garbage Collection Services:

Deffenbaugh Disposal Services 455-3330

- Call for missed garbage pick ups, to schedule appliance and bulky waste collections.

Sanitation Billing 328-4931

209 Pearl Street

- Call for information on sanitation billing.
- Vacancy notices must be completed in person with Sanitation Billing personnel.
- Call when you are receiving service and not being billed for it.
- The City has the ability to back bill for past services.

Council Bluffs Recycling Center 328-4985

4441 Gifford Road

Fax 328-4987

- Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am. to 6:00 pm.
- Open Saturday from 8:00 am. to 12:00 pm.
- Closed Sundays and all City observed holidays.
- Call for information on the following topics:

Poly-Karts

Recycling Programs

Tree Debris

Yard Waste

Waste Tire Program

Paint Drop "N" Swap

Landscape Mulch

Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste (RCC) 366-9812

4441 Gifford Road

- Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 am. to 5:30 pm.
- Open 2nd Saturday of each Month from 8:30 am. to 11:30 am.

Council Bluffs Health Department 328-4666

209 Pearl Street

Fax 328-4917

- Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am. to 5:00 pm.
- Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and all City observed holidays
- Call for information on the following topics:

Poly-Carts

Sharps Disposal

Refuse Services

Remember for Refuse Services before call Deffenbaugh Disposal Services

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What your \$12.00 a **month gets you?**

Waste Management Services provided by:
The Council Bluffs Recycling Center, and Deffenbaugh Disposal Services.

Deffenbaugh Disposal Services.

- Unlimited weekly curbside collection of refuse.
- Unlimited weekly curbside collection of yard waste. (April-November)
- Monthly curbside collection of bulky waste. (limits apply see page 13)
- Monthly curbside collection of appliances.
- Weekly curbside collection of used oil. (Limit: 2 gallons/month)
- Special curbside collection of Christmas trees.
- Weekly backdoor collection of refuse for elderly and disabled.
- Special collection for elderly with spoiled meats resulting from power or appliance failure.
- Collection of trash from 21 litter receptacles in downtown area.

Council Bluffs Recycling Center and Deffenbaugh Disposal Services Recycling Drop-Off Program.

- Yearly telephone directory recycling program.
- Sharps disposal program for residents using insulin or other medications.

Council Bluffs Recycling Center

- Annual Sanitation Services Booklet
- Poly-Cart Program – available to residents at \$60 per cart
- Waste Tire Recycling Program -Unlimited passenger car tires at cost of only .07 cents per pound (\$1.40 each average).
- Antifreeze, used oil, used oil filters program (no cost to resident).
- Lead-acid battery program (no cost to resident).
- Recycling Program (no cost to resident).
- Paint Swap and Drop Program (no cost to resident).
- Landscape Mulch (1.5 cents per pound).
- Drop-off for tree debris, yard waste, appliances, construction and demolition debris (nominal charge).
- Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste (no cost to households on City Collection).

**** All prices and costs listed in this booklet are subject to change ****
at any time without notice.

Refuse & Recycling Services

- Each resident is charged \$144.00 annually for sanitation services. Billing runs from January to June and July to December.
- During any holiday, collection for that day and any following days will be one day behind. For example, if the holiday falls on a Wednesday, collection for Monday and Tuesday will remain on schedule but the rest of the week will run one day behind. Deffenbaugh Disposal
- Services observes the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Thanksgiving	Christmas
- **Please have your refuse set out by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. You may set it out as early as 7:00 PM the evening prior to collection. There are no set times for collection.**
- If your garbage is set out late, it will be collected the following week. Please do not leave your garbage at the curb, you may place it at the curb no sooner than 7:00 PM the evening before the next collection.
- Take pride in your neighborhood. If someone's trash gets spilled, please clean it up. A little effort goes a long way in making your neighborhood look good.
- Residents can set out an unlimited amount of canned and bagged refuse at curbside. **The refuse must be generated at the residence.** For example, one **cannot** bring trash home from a business to set out.
- Containers should be between 20 and 32 gallons and should not exceed 60 pounds.
- Only City-approved Poly-Carts are to be used. Residents using unauthorized Poly-Carts will not get refuse collected.
- If a container is being used for yard waste, be sure to mark the container clearly with an orange "Y" sticker. The stickers are available from the Recycling Center, Health Department, and Sanitation Billing.
- Do not put hot ashes in refuse containers. They can cause fires and personal injury.
- No loose material will be collected. If you are utilizing a Poly Cart garbage should be bagged before placing it inside.
- Appliance and bulky waste collections must be prearranged with the garbage collection company. Be sure to get a confirmation number.
- Ammunition should **never** be disposed of in the garbage or recycling bins. Please call the Council Bluffs Police Department at 328-5737 for proper disposal of ammunition.
- Colored bags should be used during the winter months. They are much easier for the haulers to recognize in the snow.
- There are no set times for collection of refuse. It will be collected sometime between 7-AM and 5-PM Monday through Friday.



* Please do not set garbage out before 7:00 PM., the evening prior to scheduled pickup day.

Recycling Bins

In addition to the Recycling Center, the City has five satellite locations where residents can drop off their recyclables:

Hy-Vee	1745 Madison
Hy-Vee	1706 North 16th Street
No Frills	1801 Valleyview
Jubilee Foods	2801 West Broadway
Super Saver	1141 North Broadway

These locations are available to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The following materials are accepted at these locations:

- All types of glass except automotive window glass. Examples of acceptable glass are: jars, stoneware, windows, Pyrex, mirrors, ceramics.
- Aluminum and metal food and beverage containers.
- #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastics *only*
- Newsprint (Everything that comes with a Sunday paper)



The items in the bins are hauled to the Recycling Center where they are sorted and baled. Your efforts in doing the following would help this process.

- Only the above-mentioned items should be put in the bins. Items such as vinyl siding, garbage bags, magazines, Junk mail and Styrofoam should not be placed in the bins.
- All containers must be **rinsed with the lids removed**.
- **Please crush all plastic containers** before putting them in the containers.
- Please **do not set items outside the containers** as the items may become wet or blow away.
- Do not put trash in the bins. Trash only contaminates the bins and our employees must sort the trash from the recyclables in order to prepare the materials for market.
- **Placing any items other than those listed on bins in or around the Recycling Bins constitutes illegal dumping and will be enforced with a \$530 citation.**

**** Remember to buy your landscape mulch from the Recycling Center. ****



Council Bluffs Recycling Center
4441 Gifford Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
Phone 328-4985
Fax 328-4987

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays and all City Observed Holidays

Household Hazardous Waste Open Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 am. to 5:30 pm. And second Saturday of each month 8:30 am. To 11:30 am.

The Recycling Center has been serving Council Bluffs residents for five and one-half years. During that time, we have taken strides to expand and improve the recycling and solid waste services available. These services include recycling drop-off locations around town along with a site at the Recycling Center, where you can take a wider variety of household recyclables. We are pleased to have the Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste and a popular Paint Drop-n-Swap Program. The Center also has a Tire Collection Program, and we process wood debris into mulch that is available to the public at minimal cost.

This year will see further improvements in how we process materials. We were able to purchase a Glass Pulverizing System that will allow us to recycle glass into aggregate that can be used for City asphalt projects, play sand, septic fields, Thermo-Heat pump systems and many other uses.

The Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste has now been open for over three years. The RCC provides a way for residents to safely and responsibly rid themselves of unwanted chemicals: over a two hundred thousand seven hundred and forty pounds last year! Our Paint Drop-n-Swap Program is a resource where you can pick up paints for free. If you have usable paint you don't need, in it's original container, drop it off! The RCC is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on the Second Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 am. Please refer to the RCC section of this guide for a complete listing of services.

Our Poly-Cart Program continues to be a success. These large, two-wheeled carts can be used for either regular trash service or yard waste. The carts carry a ten-year pro-rated warranty against manufacturer defects. They are durable and easy to use, and are available for only \$60 each if you come pick it up at the Recycling Center or \$70 if you order it through the Public Health Department and we deliver it.

The Recycling Center takes all of the materials accepted in the Recycling Bins and much more. The following list outlines the accepted materials and any exceptions:

White Office
Colored Office – Limited to pastel colors
Magazines
Phone Books
Mixed Paper - paper bags junk-mail cereal type boxes
Green Bar Computer Paper
Corrugated Cardboard



Steel Cans
Scrap Steel
Aluminum Cans
Scrap Aluminum



Glass

Window Glass
Container Glass
Mirror Glass
Glass Cookware
Glass Dishware

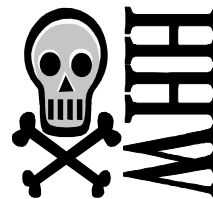
#1 PETE Plastic – Clear
#1 PETE Plastic - Colored
#2 HDPE Plastic – Natural
#2 HDPE Plastic – Colored



Others

Foam Rubber – Carpet Pad, Car Seat Foam
Waste Tires – At a charge of \$1.40 per car tire

Used Oil – Must be free of contaminants
Used Antifreeze – Must be free of contaminants
Lead Acid Batteries
Paint – Good condition only. **No frozen paint.**
Household Hazardous Waste. **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:30 to 5:30 and the second Saturday of each month 8:30 to 11:30.**





Waste Tire Program

The Council Bluffs Recycling Center, collects used tires from the residents of Pottawattamie and Mills Counties at the Council Bluffs Recycling Center. The collected tires are sent to processors. They grind it into crumb rubber and manufacture a variety of products like rubber tracks for athletic fields, park benches, picnic tables, that are available for sale at the Recycling Center or it is used as a coal substitute in cement kilns and power plants.

Residents are allowed an unlimited number of tires at a charge of .07 cents per pound with or without rims. Tires from commercial entities are accepted at the following charges:

Tires stacked	.07 cents per pound
Tires stacked by City employees	.09 cents per pound

The grant program ended in July, 2002 and with it the free disposal of tires. Now is the time to reconsider how you dispose of your used tires. When it comes time to purchase a new set of tires, leave the old ones with the retailer and pay the recycling fee. It assures you that the tires will be disposed of properly and not dumped illegally.

Poly-Carts

The Poly-Cart is a low-profile, wide-mouth cart with durable wheels which makes the cart easy to handle while working in your yard or garden. It has a ten-year pro-rated warranty against defects. The Poly-Cart can be used for your yard waste or regular refuse; just be sure to keep the two separate. If you are using the cart for regular refuse, please bag the refuse. If it will be used for yard waste, please affix an orange "Y" sticker to the cart. The stickers can be obtained at the Recycling Center or from the Health Department.

The Carts cost \$60.00 each if you pick it up at the recycling Center or \$70.00 if you choose to have it delivered to your residence. All carts must be purchased prior to delivery. Carts can be purchased in a number of ways:

- 1) Sign up at the Health Department & pay \$70 at the Treasurer's Office. Deliveries are usually made on the following Friday.
- 2) Send a check for \$70 made out to the Treasurer's Office. The checks should be sent to 209 Pearl Street and cart will be delivered.
- 3) Come down to the Recycling Center; pay \$60 and take one home with you.

**** Buy recycled products and support your Recycling Center ****



Yard and Tree Waste

Yard Waste

Yard Waste covers materials such as grass clippings, garden waste, leaves, branches and limbs, shrubs, and flowers. It does not include lawn chairs, garden hoses, lawn tools or other maintenance tools.

There are a few ways of handling your yard waste.

Deffenbaugh Disposal Services collects yard waste at curbside.

- Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Yard waste is collected with a separate truck on the same days as your regular garbage pick up. Please have garbage and yard waste separated so that it is evident which is yard waste.
- To prepare your yard waste for pick-up, please do one of the following:
 1. Place in regular trash cans (an orange "Y" sticker must be affixed to each can).
 2. Place in paper yard waste bags with an orange "Y" sticker affixed to each bag.
 3. Place yard waste in a 90-gallon Poly-Cart displaying the orange "Y" sticker. Contact the Recycling Center for information on Poly-Carts.
- Gather limbs and branches into bundles no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter, and 60 pounds in weight. Please use string or twine to tie the bundles. Do not use wire, nylon or rope.
- Remember to affix an orange "Y" sticker to every yard waste container. The sticker identifies to the hauler the type of waste contained within. The "Y" stickers may be obtained from the Recycling Center or the Health Department

In addition to the service provided by Deffenbaugh Disposal Services, yard waste is accepted year round at the Council Bluffs Recycling Center. The rate is \$16.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum charge. Yard Waste will not be accepted in plastic Bags. The \$5.00 charge covers approximately 620 pounds of Yard Waste. Please be sure there is no metal or garbage mixed in your load. There is a \$20.00 surcharge added to loads contaminated with trash along with a higher rate of \$24.00 to \$50.00 per ton depending on severity.

Mulch

The Recycling Center will, once again, be selling mulch. We have two grades of Mulch – a Construction Debris and a **Fine-Ground Landscape Mulch**. The Fine-Ground Landscape Mulch is available at a cost of \$30.00 per ton (around \$20.00 for a pick-up truck load) The Construction Debris Mulch will contain some rock and a small amount of other contamination but is free of charge when available. The Mulch can be delivered by the dump truck load for an additional \$50.00 per load. Please call the Recycling Center for more information.



Tree Debris

For small amounts of tree debris, you can bundle the brush with string or twine for yard waste collection. The bundles cannot be more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter, and 60 pounds in weight. It can be set out at curbside during the yard waste collection which runs from April to November.

For larger amounts of tree debris, it is more feasible to bring the material to the Recycling Center. As with the yard waste, there is a charge for the material. It is \$16.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum charge. The \$5.00 charge covers approximately 620 pounds of tree debris. Please be sure there is no metal, lumber or garbage mixed in your load. There is an additional \$20.00 surcharge added to loads contaminated with trash along with a higher rate of \$24.00 to \$50.00 per ton or higher depending on severity. Oversize Logs (any log not cut to the specifications listed below) will be charged at a rate of \$50.00 per ton. Tree debris encompasses many types of woody material from brush to trunks to stumps. For each type of material, there are different specifications. The type of materials and specifications accepted at the Recycling Center are listed below:

- For branches under two inches in diameter, the brush can be any length.
- For branches two inches to two feet in diameter; the brush must be cut in 6 foot lengths or less.
- For branches two feet in diameter and more, the length should not exceed 4 feet.
- For stumps, please remove as much of the dirt and debris as possible the rate may be increased to \$50.00 per ton or more depending on size of stump and amount of dirt.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be collected at curbside by Deffenbaugh Disposal Services from January 5-9, 2004 on your regular trash day. You may also bring your Christmas tree to the Recycling Center, at no charge, through the month of January 2004. When you are ready to remove your tree from your house, it should be placed outdoors, preferably your backyard, until the day of collection. If possible, keep the tree in an area that is less likely to be affected by snow and ice.

Please keep the following in mind when disposing of your Christmas tree:

- It should be placed at curbside on the same day as your regular collection.
- Please set it aside from your regular refuse.
- Please remove all nails, wire, ornaments, tinsel, steel or wooden stands, and all plastic tree bags.
- The tree should be cut down to four foot lengths.



Appliances and Bulky Waste



Appliances

There are certain appliances that have been banned from the landfill. Examples of these appliances include:

Furnaces
Trash Compactors
Dishwashers
Heat Pumps
Dehumidifiers
Microwaves
Water Heaters
Freezers
Refrigerators
Washers & Dryers
Conventional Ovens

There are two different sources for disposing of your old appliances. Deffenbaugh Disposal Services collects appliances during the third full week of each month. Appointments for appliance pick up must be made the month prior to collection. For example, if you have an appliance to be collected, you would have to call Deffenbaugh Disposal Services in June to have it picked up in July.

Please call the appropriate Garbage Collection Company with the type of appliance you want picked up. At that time, they will give you a confirmation number and the date the collection will occur. Please keep the date and confirmation number until the items are collected. Place appliance out the evening prior to the scheduled collection.

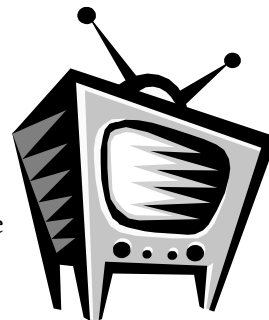
You may also bring your appliances to the Recycling Center. Most major appliances are accepted from residents free of charge. Any appliance that normally contains freon is billed at a rate of \$10.00 per unit. Examples of a freon-containing appliance are refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. Please do not remove the freon yourself. It is an EPA regulated chemical and **you** are subject to a substantial fine if you release it into the atmosphere.

Appliances that contain large capacitors i.e., **microwaves will be accepted at a \$5.00 Charge** to cover the cost of removal and disposal of the capacitors.

Bulky Waste

Deffenbaugh Disposal Services collects any bulky item over 60 pounds. This includes items that normally would not be included with your regular refuse such as swing sets, sofas, and carpeting. This service is available during the second full week of each month. As with the appliance collection, appointments for Bulky Waste must be made a month prior to actual collection.

- Items should be placed at curbside **no sooner than 7:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection.** For example, if collection is scheduled for Friday, set the items out after 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.



- Items such as carpeting and boards should be cut into four foot lengths and bundled with twine. Bundles should not exceed two feet in diameter and 60 pounds in weight.
- You must specify at the time of arranging the appointment what items will be set out at curbside for collection.
- **Bulky items that are not bundled or properly contained will not be collected. It will then become the responsibility of the resident to properly dispose of any improperly contained items.**
- Due to abuse of the Bulky Waste program by some residents we are now forced to **limit the amount you place out to an amount that would fill an area no larger than 8' long 4' wide and 4' tall as an example the area a full size couch would cover. If you have large amounts of bulky waste items you will need to contract a commercial waste hauler to dispose of it for you or haul it to the Landfill or the Recycling Center yourself.**
- **If you decide to hire a hauler, please verify that the company is a licensed hauler in Council Bluffs.** It is less likely that a licensed hauler will dump your items illegally. **All licensed haulers will have a Blue sticker on the lower left part of the windshield, wing window or left side of their truck.** You can call the Council Bluffs Recycling Center to verify if a hauler is licensed.

Household Furnishings and Entertainment Items

There are many home furnishing and entertainment items that fall under the Bulky Waste category that are accepted at the Recycling Center as Construction and Demolition Material. The Recycling Center charges \$50.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum charge for this type of material. The \$5.00 minimum charge covers up to 200 pounds of material. Anything over the two hundred pound minimum is charged based on the weight of the material. We are not licensed to accept items that are not considered construction debris.



If your load has trash such as food, animal waste, clothing or small toys a \$20.00 surcharge will be added to cover the charges to haul it to the

Landfill

Remember:

When scheduling an appointment with Deffenbaugh Disposal Services for either an appliance or bulky waste pickup, you must call the month prior to when you want the items collected. For example, an item called in during August will not be collected until September.



Construction and Demolition Material



Construction and demolition material is accepted at the Recycling Center at a cost of \$50.00 per ton. There is a \$5.00 minimum charge that covers approximately 200 pounds. Construction and demolition material includes drywall, carpeting, roofing, siding (wood or vinyl), lumber, concrete and railroad ties. Garbage is not

accepted. Loads containing items such as food waste, animal waste, clothing, small toys and other items that belong in your regular garbage for pickup will cost you an additional \$20.00 surcharge above the normal fees to defray the cost of hauling it to the landfill. As mentioned in the previous section, home furnishings and entertainment items are accepted as Construction and Demolition Material.

If you bring in clean lumber – that is any unpainted, untreated, construction lumber with nothing attached and nothing else in the load – it is charged at a rate of \$24.00 per ton. To be more specific, the lumber cannot have any roofing, spikes or drywall attached to it. It can have a few nails in it. (Railroad Ties are not considered lumber)



Loads of clean Concrete and Rubble with nothing else in the load are accepted at the Recycling Center at a rate of \$24.00 per ton with a \$5.00 minimum. If it is contaminated with rebar, dirt or etc., the charge will be increased to the regular construction debris rate.



Sharps Disposal

The Sharps Disposal Program was implemented as a result of an increase in needle sticks to the garbage collection contractor's employees. The Health Department along with participating community pharmacies distribute containers, literature, and labels to residents using insulin, heart, and other types of medications; that require the use of syringes and lancets. The used syringes and lancets are collected and stored in the containers. Once the container is full, it can be exchanged at no charge for a new container at participating pharmacies or the Health Department.

A Medical Waste Contractor collects the containers from the Health Department and properly disposes of this bio-hazardous waste in their medical incinerators.

**Remember Needles don't go in the trash
and are not recyclable!**

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S m a l l Q u a n t i t y G e n e r a t o r s

What is Household Hazardous Waste?

A household hazardous material or HHM is a product that is toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive. Some examples are gasoline, drain cleaners, spot and rust removers, degreasers, herbicides and pesticides.

How can I tell if a product is hazardous?

Look for the words **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION** on the product label. **DANGER** indicates the most hazardous materials.

WARNING and **CAUTION** are less hazardous.

Other key phrases to look for are:

- “Harmful or fatal if swallowed.”
- “Do not use near heat or flame.”
- “Causes severe burns on contact”

The RCC is open to the public and qualifying businesses Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am. until 5:30 pm. and the Second Saturday of each month from 8:30 am. until 11:30 am. The RCC is closed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, major holidays, and the first, third, fourth, and fifth Saturdays of the month.

There are a few things to keep in mind when bringing materials to the Regional Collection Center:

- Be prepared to show identification and complete a simple questionnaire concerning the products you have brought to the RCC.
- Please leave items in their original containers. This helps our staff determine the proper hazard classification.
- Unlabeled items will be accepted. To aid in the identification of the product, an additional questionnaire must be completed by the resident.

- If the product can be used again – provided it is not a banned chemical – please use it or give it to someone who can use it.
- Buy the an amount you can realistically use up. Concentrated products and refillable containers create the least waste.
- Hazardous chemicals should never be poured down the drain. Follow the disposal instructions on the label.

Cleaning Products

How can I tell if a cleaning product is hazardous?

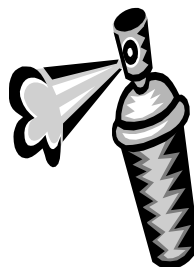
Look for the words DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION on the product label. DANGER indicates the most hazardous materials. WARNING and CAUTION are less hazardous.

Other key phrases to look for are:

- “Harmful or fatal if swallowed.”
- “Do not use near heat or flame.”
- “Causes severe burns on contact.”

What types of household cleaning products will be accepted at the RCC?

- Drain Cleaners
- Furniture Polish
- Floor Polish
- Oven Cleaner
- Rug and Upholstery Cleaners
- Spot Removers
- Rust Removers



Household Pesticides

The RCC accepts small quantities of household pesticides. However, the best way to dispose of a small excess amount is to use it. Certain pesticides have been banned because of the risks they pose to human health and the environment. DO NOT use banned pesticides, instead bring them to the RCC for proper disposal.

Some examples of banned pesticides are:

- Aldrin
- Chlordane
- DDT
- Dieldrin
- Dursban
- Silvex
- 2,4,5-T



What is the safest way to store pesticides until they can be disposed?

- Always store pesticides in their original containers, complete with labels that list ingredients, directions for use and antidotes.

- Never transfer pesticides to other containers.
- Store in a dry, protected areas. Concrete surfaces cause metal containers to corrode.

Florescent Light Tubes

Florescent light tubes contain mercury which is very harmful to both you and the environment. Florescent tubes should be handled very carefully so they don't break and release mercury gas into the air. When shopping for light tubes look for those that have green ends on them. Bulbs that have the green ends are 99.9% mercury free and can be thrown in the trash. All others should be brought to the RCC for proper disposal.

Household Batteries

Many of the items we use every day contain batteries. Normal batteries like Heavy Duty and Alkaline batteries are safe to dispose of in the regular refuse. Other types such as Ni-Cad or Lithium are not and should be brought to the RCC for disposal. If you have any questions call the RCC.

Automotive Products

Most liquid automotive products are hazardous and should never be poured down drains, on the ground, or placed in the trash. These products include antifreeze, oil, fuels, degreasers, waxes, cleaners, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid. Other automotive products are lead-acid batteries and oil filters.



Do not mix gas, antifreeze or oil with each other or any other products as this may make them non-recyclable. The oil you bring to the RCC is used in oil burners to heat various buildings.

The antifreeze brought in is reconditioned and mixed to protect from -30°F to -35°F and sold or used in the City's vehicles.

How should I handle waste automotive products?

- Please bring oil and oil filters to the RCC in disposable containers such as milk jugs or 5-gallon buckets with tight lids. **Containers cannot be returned.**
- Store flammable materials in an approved container away from ignition sources in a well ventilated area.
- If you must dispose of fuels, bring them to the RCC. **Containers cannot be returned.**

Materials Not Accepted at the RCC

There are a few materials that the RCC will not accept. These materials include:

- Empty Containers (Fuel, Pesticide, Paint, Chemical)
- Ammunition and Explosives
- Radioactive Materials



- Fire Extinguishers
- Non-hazardous Wastes (ie. Makeup, Shampoo)

So what do you do with the materials the RCC does not accept?

- Empty containers as described above can be disposed of with your regular refuse. Just remove the lids so the hauler knows the container is empty.
- Propane cylinders will be accepted at the RCC for a fee of \$5 per 20 pound Cylinder. Larger Cylinders are not accepted.
- For all other materials, please call the RCC and we will work together to find a safe disposal method.



Waste Paint

There are two types of paint, stains and varnishes: latex and oil-based or alkyds. Latex paints contain water as the solvent to keep the paint liquid. The containers will indicate the product can be cleaned with soap and water.

Oil-based paints contain hazardous solvents that are used to keep the paint in a liquid state. They may contain toxic metals such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. The containers usually say they are "COMBUSTIBLE!" and should be cleaned with mineral spirits or paint thinner. Oil-based paints are classified as hazardous because they are ignitable and contain harmful, toxic chemicals.

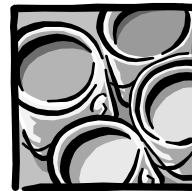


How do you store paint properly?

Keep it in a dry place and place lid on tightly to keep air out. It is also suggested that a piece of plastic wrap be placed between the paint and the lid. Then store the can upside down to create a good seal.

So what should you do with these materials?

If oil-based paint can not be used or given away, bring it to the RCC for proper disposal. Small amounts of latex paint, as well as frozen latex, can be safely disposed of with your regular refuse if it is dried out first. To dry the latex paint, simply add kitty litter or saw dust to the paint can and mix. Place it in a well ventilated area until the mixture is completely dried out. Once it is dry, it can be set out with your regular trash. Just be sure to remove the lid so that the waste hauler can see that the paint is dry.



Swap Shop Program

The former Paint Drop-n-Swap Events have now been replaced with a continuous Swap Shop Program. With the addition of the Household Hazardous Waste to our facility it has increased the types of things that can be acquired at the swap shop. Items that are safer and in good condition such as household cleaners, car care supplies, and latex paints are available to the residents at no charge. Due to the

hazardous nature of the chemicals being accepted we must limit the shop hours to be the same as the regular RCC collection hours. This is for the safety of our visitors and our employees.

What exactly is a “Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator”?



A conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG) is any business that generates small amounts of hazardous wastes. The limit is 220 pounds or less per month – or about 25 gallons.

How do I determine if my business qualifies as a CESQG?

To determine which category of hazardous waste generator you are, and what requirements you must meet, measure or “count” all the hazardous wastes you generate each month. This total weight must be less than 220 pounds. If you are confused about the rules and regulations, please call the RCC. The staff members will be more than happy to assist you.

OK, now that you have identified your business as a CESQG, what rules must you follow?

- You must identify all hazardous waste you generate.
- You must send this waste to a designated hazardous waste or recycling facility.
- You must never accumulate more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste at any time on your property.

How does your business register for the CESQG Program at the RCC?

- If you think your business may qualify as a CESQG, call 328-4985 to request a registration packet.
- Complete and return the certification form for review.
- Complete and return the hazardous waste inventory.

When your registration has been reviewed and accepted, an RCC technician will contact you. An appointment will be scheduled during a convenient time for drop off of hazardous waste.

There is a fee for CESQG disposal service. Once the RCC receives the hazardous waste inventory, an exact price quotation will be furnished. The disposal fees are based on the types and quantities of material brought in. The full disposal fee must be paid when the waste is accepted at the RCC. Personal and business checks are accepted as well as cash. You must have an appointment to dispose of CESQG waste.

***Remember the RCC is only open on
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and the
2nd Saturday of each Month!!!***

The following Table shows the City's Residential Solid Waste Totals including amounts Recycled.

Iowans dispose of 2.8 million tires per year.

2002 Solid Waste Totals		
Type of Material	Tonnage	Percent
Tires	249.71	2.73%
Christmas Trees	3.22	0.04%
Tree Debris	2759.83	30.21%
Yard Waste	176.95	1.94%
Yard Waste Curb Side Collection	3479.18	38.09%
Scrap Metal	704.07	7.71%
News Print	880.98	9.64%
Card Board	60.46	0.66%
Office Paper	15.49	0.17%
Phone Books	43.38	0.47%
Magazines	64.20	0.70%
Mixed Residential Paper	351.48	3.85%
#1 & #2 Plastic	55.44	0.61%
Household Hazardous Waste	100.37	1.10%
Glass	376.59	4.12%
Miscellaneous Recyclables	7.03	0.08%
Trash received in recyclables & landfilled	-193.82	-2.12%
Total Residential Recycled	9134.56	97.88%
Residential Waste Landfilled	19317.41	
Percent Total Residential Recycled		32.11%
Construction Debris- Landfilled	5005.96	
Construction Debris- Recycled	1365.08	21.43%
Total Solid Waste Landfilled	24323.37	
Total Solid Waste	34823.01	
Percent of Total Recycled		30.15%

One gallon of improperly disposed of oil can make one million gallons of water undrinkable

Things to Remember When Hiring a Commercial Refuse Hauler

- **Be Sure They Are Licensed.**
This year all licensed Commercial Haulers in Council Bluffs will have a **Blue Sticker** in the lower left side of the truck's windshield, wing window or left side of the trucks body. If there is any question call the Recycling Center to be certain. A licensed hauler will not dump your waste illegally leaving you with an expensive cleanup bill and fine.
- **Keep A Record Of The Transaction** including the name and phone number of the hauler and any receipts. If your items are found at an illegal dumpsite, you will have proof that you hired someone to dispose of your waste to avoid the \$530 citation.
- **Be Sure That No Hazardous Items Get Mixed With Items To Be Land filled.**
All Household Hazardous Waste must be disposed of properly. Do not place them in your trash or with items to be hauled to the landfill by a commercial refuse hauler. Please be sure those items are taken to the Council Bluffs Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Waste. There is no disposal charges for Council Bluffs Residents, if all necessary information is received. Please call the RCC for more information at 366-9812.



Everyday, 500 people breath enough air to fill the Goodyear blimp



Recycling a stack of newspapers 10 feet tall saves one whole tree!

- **Glass Pulverizer at Recycling Center**

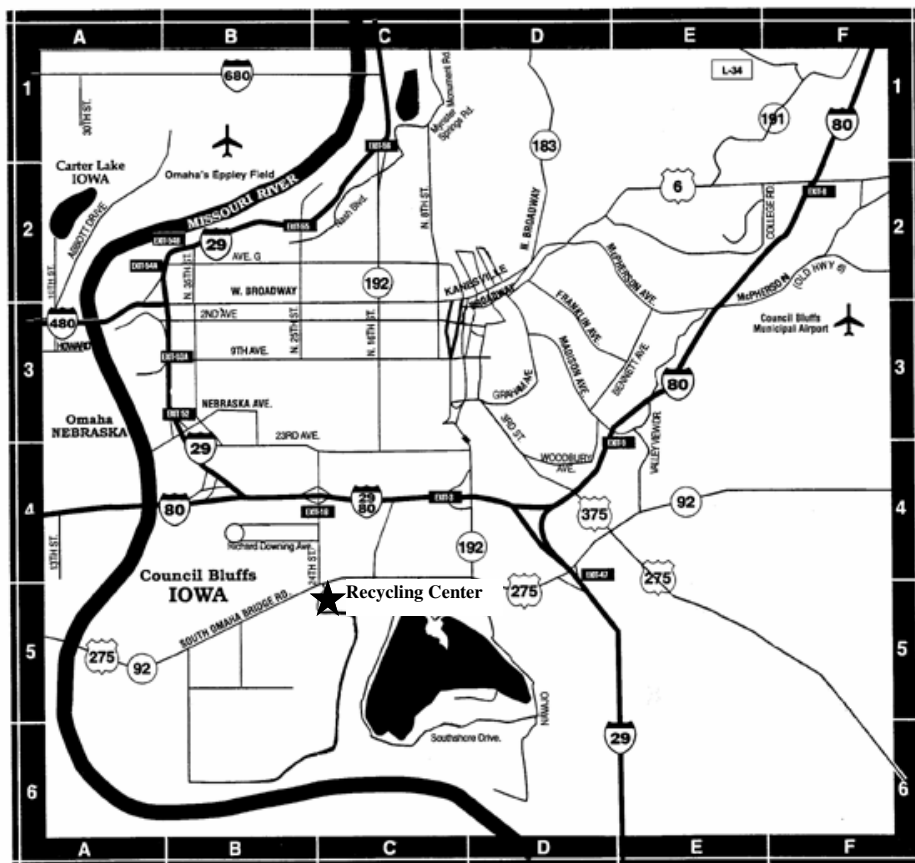
In the past glass has been an item that is difficult to recycle. This is due to the nearest glass manufacturers being in Minnesota, the ease of contamination and the dangers associated with sorting the contamination out. Adding a Glass Crusher to the Recycling Centers Machinery allows us to take more types of glass and make products from it available to other City Departments and local businesses. With a glass crusher we are now able to accept all glass types; including Mirror, Ceramics, Plate Glass, and Container Glass. These types of glass can all be mixed cutting down on sorting time. The products produced would be used in production of silica aggregate for asphaltting city streets, sand for sand blasting, and aggregate for rural roads. A Proposal has been approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to assist in the purchase of this equipment. Look for more Information to come in the news media.

Support your Council Bluffs Recycling Programs and save money.



By Purchasing Landscape Mulch, Benches and Picnic Tables (made from recycled plastic and tires) from the Recycling Center. You can buy high-quality Landscape Mulch in bulk directly from the Recycling Center. We have also started selling plastic and rubber-mixed park benches, picnic tables, and landscape timbers. The profits from the sales of these items is used to supplement the costs of our recycling programs. For more information please call the Recycling Center at 328-4985.

Recycling Center located at C-5 on Map



**** All prices and costs listed in this booklet are subject to change at any **
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2003 Recycling Trivia

- ☺ Last Year the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center received 200,740 Pounds of Hazardous Materials from the area including approximately 6,000 gallons of used oil. The oil is used at the Recycling Center as an alternative heat source in our buildings.
- ☺ Making aluminum from recycled aluminum uses 90 to 95 percent less energy than making it from original materials.
- ☺ Through the Waste Tire Collection Program, 19,976 tires were collected in Pottawattamie and Mills Counties in 2002.
- ☺ A moderate drip from a faucet can lose up to 4,000 gallons of water in a single month.
- ☺ Last year the Recycling Center processed 31.01 Million Pounds of Recyclables including 2.83 Million Pounds of Paper; that is now Boxes and Cellulose Insulation in many Mid-Western Homes.
- ☺ Two gallons of used oil can produce enough electricity to power the average home for a day.
- ☺ Recycling one soda can saves enough energy to run your T.V. for 3 hours.



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